GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RURAL TOURISM IN ANDHRA PRADESH .
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) The details of projects in Andhra Pradesh identified under Rural Tourism Scheme during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) Whether some of the above projects have been given sanction only in the year 2003-04 i.e. in the middle of the Tenth Plan;

(c) If so, the reasons for delay; and

(d) The action taken by the Government to get these projects completed within the fixed time frame?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): Based on proposals received from the State Government the Rural Tourism Projects have been sanctioned for following destinations of Andhra Pradesh:

i) Pochampalli,
ii) Konaseema,
iii) Puttaparthi
iv) Srikalahasti
v) Chinchinada

(b), (c) & (d): The creation of infrastructure in Rural areas having potential for tourism is being supported under the existing Scheme of Destination Development. The funds are sanctioned and released based on the proposals received from the State/UT Governments. Thus, there has been no delay in identifying the projects. The implementation of the projects sanctioned is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, the monitoring of the implementation of sanctioned projects is done regularly to ensure timely completion.